receipt of complaint, examines cases of violation of the Codes. If any violation is noted by the Committee, action is taken against the TV channel as per rules.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. So far 188 warnings have been issued to various channels against the objectionable content telecast by them.

Pay scales of Administrative Staff of Akashvani and Doordarshan

971. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both the Technical and Programming and the Administrative Staff of Akashvani and Doordarshan have been deemed to be on deputation to Prasar Bharati;

(b) whether it is a fact that while the Technical and Programming staff scales had been upgraded from the 1st January, 1996, the pay scales of the administrative employees have not yet been upgraded; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the action proposed to be taken to correct this injustice and by when the corrective action will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir. The services of all the Government Servants of Akashvani and Doordarshan are placed, on deemed deputation basis, to Prasar Bharati without deputation allowance on existing terms and conditions *w.e.f.* 1.4.2000.

(b) Government issued order on 25.2.99 to upgrade the scales of pay of certain categories of employees of All India Radio and Doordarshan of Prasar Bharati particularly subordinate engineering and programme cadres with effect from 1st January, 1996. The upgraded pay scales were not allowed as Government employees *per se* but as Government employees currently in service of Prasar Bharati (BCI). Also the benefit of the upgraded pay scales were granted to the existing incumbents only and those new direct recruits who join after issuance of the said orders would not be entitled to those scales but were to be governed by pay scales recommended by the Fifth Central Pay Commission.

(c) The Engineering and Programme Staff on one hand and the Administrative Staff on the other are two distinct categories in Prasar Bharati. The functions and responsibilities of Administrative Staff and Programme/Engineering Staff are totally different with no commonality. These categories are, therefore, not identical and perform different nature of duties.

A Group of Minister (GoM) has been constituted to examine the various issues pertaining to the functioning of the Prasar Bharati including service conditions.

Income from private cable network companies

972. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total income generated by Government from various private cable network companies during the last one year;

(b) whether Government have any monitoring agency to check and inspect the *modus operandi* of these cable network companies;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No separate statistics on the total amounts received from various private cable network organizations in the country are centrally maintained. Local cable network operators are required to register/renewal in Post office by paying Rs. 500/- per annum. Taxes of Local Self Government/State Government and Central Government are also applicable on them.

(b) to (e) The Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, contains provisions to regulate the operation of cable television networks in the country and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. The cable operators are required to conform to the provisions of the